

REMARKS

The applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner contends that the subject application contains claims directed to two (2) allegedly patentably distinct species: Species I refers to claims 14, 15, 17-20, 45, and 46; and Species II refers to claim 39.

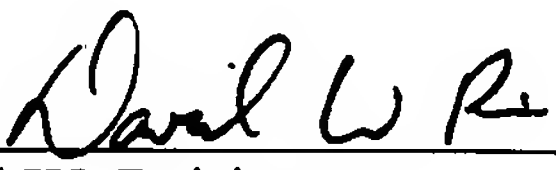
The Examiner requires an election of a single alleged invention, and an identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

In response, the applicant elects, with traverse, Species I, which reads upon claims 14, 15, 17-20, 45, and 46.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or traversed. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,



David W. Poirier
Reg. No. 43,007